

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of: )  
Hans-Peter HOHMANN, *et al.* ) Parent Examiner: Kathleen M. KERR  
Parent Serial No.: 09/633,927 ) Parent Art Unit: 1652  
Parent Filed: August 8, 2000 )  
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A** )  
**TARGET FERMENTATION** )  
**PRODUCT** )

New York, New York  
October 8, 2003

**REQUEST FOR FILING A RULE 1.53(b) DIVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of prior pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/633,927, filed August 8, 2000.

1. ☒ A copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed in the parent case, is enclosed.
2. ☐ Copy of amendments filed \_\_\_\_\_ to "complete" the parent application are enclosed. The undersigned hereby verifies that enclosed copies of the amendments are true copies of the amendments as originally filed in the parent case and that the amendments did not introduce impermissible new matter into that application.

3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims in the parent application as originally filed plus or minus any claims added or canceled by amendment:

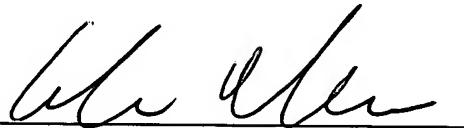
Claims as Filed, Plus/Minus Any Claims Added/Canceled By Amendment					
For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee = \$	770.00
Total claims	10 - 20 =	0	x \$18 =	\$	0.00
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$86 =	\$	0.00
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- a. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$770.00** to cover the filing fee is enclosed. If our check is missing or otherwise insufficient, or if any additional fees are required, please charge (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-4467 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
4. ☒ For this divisional application and the parent application the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- a. ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 not otherwise paid by check.
- b. ☒ Any patent application processing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 not otherwise paid by check.
- c. ☒ Any additional Assignment recording fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21 (h) not otherwise paid by check.
5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/633,927, filed August 8, 2000, now allowed.--
6. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Please enter it before calculating the filing fee.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to ROCHE VITAMINS, INC.

8. ☐ The prior application is not assigned. An assignment to \_\_\_\_\_, a Recordation Form Cover Sheet, and a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the recording fee are enclosed. If our check is missing or otherwise insufficient, or if any additional fees are required, please charge (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 02-4467.
9. ☒ Address all communications to:
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10. ☒ Drawings are part of this divisional application.
- a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the parent application to this Rule 1.53(b) application and abandon the parent application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for filing in the parent case. (May be used only if the undersigned is one authorized by 37 C.F.R. § 1.138 and before payment of the issue fee in the parent case.)
- b. ☒ Four sheets of formal drawings are enclosed. (FIGS. 1-4);
11. ☒ A Sequence Listing is part of this divisional application.
- a. ☐ A Sequence Listing in both paper and computer readable form (diskette) as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 et seq. is enclosed.
- b. ☐ A statement that the content of the paper and computer readable Sequence Listing are the same and that no new matter has been added is enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(f) and (g).
- c. ☒ A request to transfer previously filed sequence information pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.82(e) is enclosed.
12. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed through the parent case, under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. ☐ Certified copies of the priority document(s) is(are) already of record in U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ The certified priority document(s) is(are) enclosed herewith for filing in this continuing case.
- c. ☐ Certified copies of the priority document(s) will follow.

13. ☒ The current power of attorney is to Mark E. Waddell (Reg. No. 31,803); Stephen M. Haracz, (Reg. No. 33,397), Warren K. MacRae (Reg. No. 37,876); Kevin C. Hooper, (Reg. No. 40,402); Kathleen Gersh (Reg. No. 41,806); Robert J. Lipka, (Reg. No. 42,807); Leo G. Lenna, (Reg. No. 42,796) and Stephen J. Brown, (Reg. No. 43,519). The power is of record in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/633,927.
14. ☐ A Power of Attorney to Associate Attorney is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ This Certificate of Express Mailing;
- ☒ Request for Filing A Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application in duplicate (8 pp.);
- ☒ Specification, Claims, and Abstract (36 pp.);
- ☒ Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pp.) (executed);
- ☒ Paper copy of Sequence Listing (3 pp.);
- ☒ Four (4) sheets of formal drawings (FIGS. 1-4);
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (10 pp., including duplicate first page);
- ☒ Request to Transfer Previously Filed Sequence Information Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e) (1 pg.);
- ☒ Check for \$770.00 to cover filing fee;
- ☒ Return Postcard

are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the Date of Deposit indicated above in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Mail Stop Patent Application.

  
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